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FOR CHIEF OF MISSION FROM ACTING ASST SECRETARY BUSHNELL

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MODE STAFF REDUCTIONS

1. AS BUREAU PREPARES, WITHIN MODE GUIDELINES, TO MAKE FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS ABOUT ELIMINATING AMERICAN AND LOCAL POSITIONS FROM VARIOUS AGENCY AND DEPARTMENT CEILINGS THROUGHOUT ARA, WE WISH TO CONSULT WITH YOU ONCE MORE TO OBTAIN YOUR THOUGHTS AND CONCURRENCES.

2. IN RESPONSE TO MODE REQUESTS SENT TO BRASILIA IN RECENT MONTHS, THE EMBASSY IDENTIFIED A NUMBER OF AMERICAN AND LOCAL POSITIONS WHICH COULD BE ELIMINATED WITHOUT DETRIMENT TO THE CONDUCT OF U.S. RELATIONS WITH BRAZIL. AS YOU KNOW, AT HIS MARCH 13 CABINET MEETING, PRESIDENT CARTER REITERATED HIS INTENTION TO MAKE A SELECTIVE REDUCTION OF
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PERSONNEL SERVING UNDER DIPLOMATIC CHIEFS OF MISSION ABROAD. ACCORDINGLY, LETTERS WERE SENT TO THE CONCERNED DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES SUMMARIZING THE STAFF REDUCTIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE EMBASSY AND REQUESTING THAT STEPS BE TAKEN TO BRING ABOUT THESE REDUCTIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, HOPEFULLY BY SEPTEMBER 30, 1978. THE PROPOSED STAFF REDUCTION IN QUESTION, AND THE RESPONSE IS SUMMARIZED BELOW:

PROPOSED REDUCTIONS

U.S. FSL

IAGS 1 (INTER-AMERICAN GEODETIC -
OFFICER)

AGENCY RESPONSE

IAGS

THE DEFENSE MAPPING AGENCY CONCURS ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT POSITION INVOLVED IS A CIVILIAN SLOT. THE AGENCY, HOWEVER, QUALIFIED ITS CONCURRENCE BY INDICATING THAT THE CUT SHOULD NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL THE END OF FY81. THE AGENCY WISHES TO MAINTAIN THE IAGS PRESENCE BEYOND FY79 IN CASE A NEW RELATIONSHIP IN MAPPING, CHARTING, AND GEODESY IS REACHED WITH BRAZIL. THE AGENCY ALSO NOTED THAT A CLOSE-OUT OF IAGS BRAZIL COULD HAVE A VERY NEGATIVE IMPACT ON EFFORTS ELSEWHERE IN LATIN AMERICA.

3. IN REVIEWING THIS RESPONSE, THERE DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE ANY OVERWHELMING ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF RETAINING THE POSITION IN QUESTION. HOWEVER, WE WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE YOUR FINAL COMMENTS IN LIGHT OF THE AGENCY'S REPLY. VANCE
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